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5. A foreign patent office (Taiwanese) office action, issued January 5, 2004, citing one or more of the references is enclosed. A partial translation of the Taiwanese office action is also enclosed.

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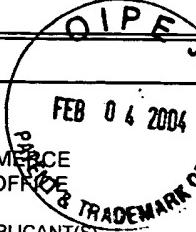
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